Our books of the year

Nursing Standard contributors' favourite reads of 2013 include poetry, historical titles and spiritually uplifting stories

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Tell us your favourite book of the year (Pushkin or otherwise) and win a specially selected copy of one of our 2015 Pushkin picks. Tweet using the hashtag #MyPushkinYear to enter. Gesche Ipsen, Commissioning Editor Mine has to be Meet at the Ark at Eight! It’s as if it was co-written by Richard Curtis and Sartre, and my sides split when I first read it. I don’t think I’ve laughed more all year, and the fact that it’s a little subversive only adds to the pleasure! Ali Smith’s How to be both. One word: astounding. After a stellar year for the written word, The A.V. Club provides some of our favorite books for your consideration as you buy, borrow, or download your next read. Besides some flops and disappointments—the less said about Go Set A Watchman, the better—2015’s output showcases some surprisingly awesome celebrity-penned volumes, thoughtful analysis on the state of the world, and page turners already getting the big-screen adaptation. Where Jon Ronson succeeds as a journalist (and where many of his imitators fail) is in his ability to find humanity in the most unexpected and outrageous places. So while his newest book, So You’ve Been Publicly Shamed, is, on the surface, about Published last February, this debut memoir was our pick for the best book of the year so far, and for the first time in best-books history, it is also our pick for the